

THE RETIREMENT OF SAMMIE C. TWITTY, COMMAND SUITE AND DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES SECRETARY, NAVAL HOSPITAL, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Ms. Sammie C. Twitty on her retirement as the command suite and director of nursing services secretary, Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida in August 2008. Ms. Twitty completed an honorable career of over 40 years dedicated to the Federal Civil Service and served as executive assistant to 11 commanding officers during her tenure.

Ms. Twitty's dedication and influence on the overall mission of the hospital ensured the command was professionally and personally well received throughout the Pensacola area. Her advice on protocol matters, fitness reports, travel, and correspondence was vital to the success of every commanding officer since her arrival in the command suite. She fluidly managed schedules to accommodate complex arrangements and difficult scenarios. Directly responsible for the smooth flow and operation of the front office, she skillfully managed challenging situations with care and thoughtfulness in mind at all times.

Throughout her many years of service she has been the go to person for all administrative functions and greatly enhanced the quality of office operations wherever she worked. She had a direct, positive influence on many young sailors and civil service personnel by distinguishing herself as a loyal, honest, hard-working individual. Her outstanding service has paved the way and set the standard for all who follow. Ms. Twitty's exceptional professional abilities, dedication, attention to detail, initiative, and loyal dedication to duty reflect great credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, Vicki and I would like to congratulate Sammie Twitty on her retirement and wish her many more years of success and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, due to personal matters, today I missed rollcall vote No. 585 on approving the Journal, rollcall vote No. 586 on H. Res. 1420 regarding the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, rollcall vote No. 587 on final passage of H.R. 6532 to restore the highway trust fund balance, and rollcall vote No. 588 on the motion to adjourn the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these four rollcall votes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE DONAUSCHWABEN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Society of the Donauschwaben on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The group is celebrating 50 outstanding years of preserving German culture on August 9, 2008 with a beautiful gala, featuring traditional German dishes and dancing.

Over the past 50 years, the Society of the Donauschwaben has greatly enhanced Cleveland's diverse community in numerous ways. Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center in Olmsted Township is an epicenter of German culture in Ohio. The center provides extensive classes in German for young children, teens, and adults and displays traditional German costumes, relics, books, and photographs. The group is also the umbrella organization for several clubs that share German traditions with the Greater Cleveland community through cultural events and programs throughout the year.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Society of the Donauschwaben and congratulating them on 50 years of sharing German culture with the Greater Cleveland community. Their contributions exemplify the diversity and culture that our community is so fortunate to possess.

COMMEMORATING TALA DE WYNTER FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tala De Wynter, who has been a pioneer in the Napa County community and is being honored today at the Napa County Hispanic Network 25th Anniversary Gala.

De Wynter was born and educated in Lima, Peru. She has resided in Napa since 1965 with her husband and two children. Since coming to Napa, De Wynter has invested her time in helping others, in creating opportunities and bridging the communication gap in the Latino community. In the 1970s, the Napa Valley was in need of inexpensive healthcare for farm workers and the low-income community. De Wynter, along with other community members established Community Health Clinic Ole. What started off as a small clinic in Rutherford has generated six sites, with six full-time doctors, 10 mid-level providers, and this year it received 1.3 million dollars from Auction Napa Valley.

Continuing the tradition of providing for others, she served as the director of El Centro de Informacion (The Center for Information). The Centro was viewed as a controversial organization for providing services exclusively to the Spanish speaking community. De Wynter and other Latino activists also realized the need to

support young Latinos in their quest for higher education, and in 1984 they founded the Napa County Hispanic Network. The Hispanic Network is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and will award 25 high school and college students with a \$1,000 scholarship.

De Wynter also started the first immigration consulting business in Napa. She was also the coeditor of Noticias Bilingues del Valle, the Spanish section of the Napa Valley Register and served as the editor of the Spanish language newspaper, Tiempo Latino. De Wynter was also the first Latina woman to be elected to public office in Napa County when she was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Napa Valley Unified School District in 1975.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, Tala De Wynter has earned the respect of her colleagues and community. Through visionary leadership and persuasion Tala De Wynter has created pathways for other leaders in the community to follow. For these reasons and for the lasting impact Community Health Clinic Ole and the Napa County Hispanic Network continue to have in Napa County, it is appropriate that we honor Tala De Wynter.

HONORING SIDNEY PAUL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, for more than five decades Sidney Paul has been involved in social work, including 25 years as the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Rockland County.

He has devoted his professional life to serving virtually all segments of his community including five years as a clinician at Rockland Jewish Family Service before his retirement in 2007.

He has been recognized for his outstanding leadership by a number of groups including: the National Association of Social Workers, who named him Social Worker of the Year; the New York State Office of Mental Health, who gave him its Lifetime Achievement Award; the Mental Health Association of Rockland, which awarded him the Joseph R. Bernstein Award; and NAMI-FAMILYA, which gave him the Florence Gould Gross Award.

In 2002 the Mental Health Association of Rockland dedicated the Sidney Paul Center. Sid, as all know him, has been married to Cyrille for 53 years. They have three children Andrew, Amy and David and six grandchildren.

I join with the Rockland Jewish Family Service in honoring Sidney Paul with their Lifetime Achievement Award for the more than half a century of good works he has done for his community and the people in it.

IN HONOR OF THE UAW LOCAL 1050

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the UAW Local 1050 on the occasion of their 60th anniversary, and in